

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for producing an electrical or electronic component which comprises a surface that is passivated with a plastic coating, the method comprising the following steps of:

providing a ~~plastic~~ body of plastic material for accommodating and encapsulating the surface of the component,

inserting the component into the ~~plastic~~ body,

joining the surface of the component to the ~~plastic~~ body by applying pressure to the ~~plastic~~ body of plastic material.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the body is molded.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the body is tubular in configuration.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing the body comprises provides a body with an inside surface that is inverse in form to the surface of the component to be passivated.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of providing the body comprises provides a body with at least two individual parts which are connected to the surface of the component during the step of joining.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the plastic material of the body comprises at least partially cross-linked plastic.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the plastic material of the body comprises at least one stabilizing element.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the material of the body comprises a substance for mediating adhesion.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of inserting the component includes inserting a component with a surface of the component comprises with a substance for mediating adhesion.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the plastic material of the body comprises at least one plastic that is selected from the group consisting of solid silicones and fluorinated silicone elastomers.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of joining the surface of the component to the body ~~further comprises~~ includes applying pressure from outside the body towards the component ~~by~~ with a device for generating pressure.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6 wherein the pressure used for joining the surface of the component to the body is generated by the ~~cross-linking~~ cross-linking of the plastic body.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the plastic is cross-linked thermally.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the plastic is cross-linked by exposure.

Claims 15-22 (cancelled)

23. (New) A method for producing an electrical or electronic component comprising the steps of:

providing a component with an outer surface that is to be passivated with a plastic coating,

molding a plastic material to form a tubular body having an outside surface and a hollow space with an inside surface that is inverse in form to the outer surface of the component,

inserting the component into the hollow space of the tubular body, and then

applying pressure to the body to join the inside surface of the hollow space to the outer surface of the component to provide the plastic coating.

24. (New) The method according to claim 23 wherein the step of applying pressure presses a device on the outside surface of the body to create the pressure to join the inside surface of the hollow space on the outer surface of the component.

25. (New) The method according to claim 24 wherein the step of molding includes providing a plastic material including a cross-linking substance and partially cross-linking the body during the molding, and while pressing a device during applying pressure, recommencing the cross-linking of the body.